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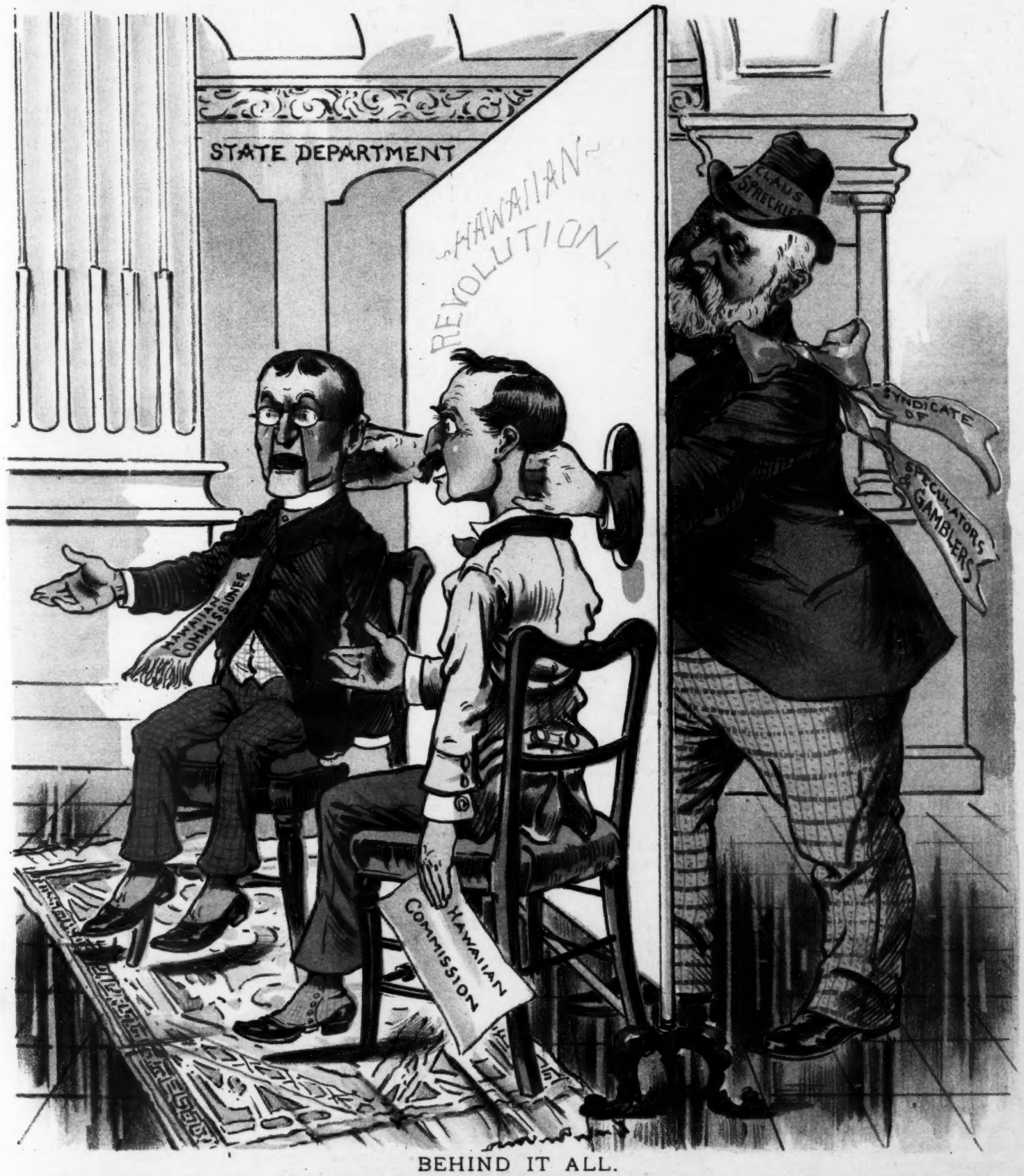

BEHIND IT ALL.

"SAN FRANCISCO, January 29.—Facts have leaked out which show clearly that the intrigues which resulted in the overthrow of the Hawaiian government had been going on for several months, and that Claus Spreckels was a chief mover. . . . . 'Spreckels is the heaviest stockholder in the Hawaiian commercial company, which controls practically all the sugar produced on the islands." . . . . 'The moment annexation goes into effect Hawaii becomes a vital part of this country, and every pound of sugar produced on the islands receives two cents bounty. This amounts to the fat sum of forty dollars per ton and represents a good profit to the planters.' . . . . 'Take it all around, annexation will put into Spreckels's own pockets not less than $10,000,000 in cash.' "—*New York Sun.*

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ENGLAND would like to let Egypt go, but Egypt is no mere hot potato.

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GOVERNOR ABBETT will hereafter appear in public only by deputy, or rather by apparition.

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PATRICK GLEASON ought to have been taken up on a pair of chips and thrown out of the window.

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THE CLEVELAND GLASS was turned down before election, and the friends of Governor Hill are that kind of vacuous receptacle at this moment.

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THE RECONCILIATION of Milan and Natalie will lead presently to a frightful tragedy, and we trust the woman will continue to be the better half of it.

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QUAY LOOMS UP higher than Murphy, anyhow, says the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*. He does, certainly; and we guess Edward is rather proud of it.

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WE JUDGE from frequent allusions to Dan Lamont that that gentleman is to occupy all the cabinet positions and subsequently to be a justice of the supreme court.

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IT IS RELATED with something of horror that Mr. Cleveland recently drank two glasses of beer. It is melancholy, certainly; but perhaps he didn't have time to get the other.

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MR. CLEVELAND wants to know what the Democratic party is in power for, if not to repeal the McKinley law. It is a great question. We have pondered over it long and loud.

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IT IS PROPOSED to punish lynching in North Carolina by a fine of five thousand dollars. Lynching means murder, and it might be well to understand whether this fine is the penalty of one corpse.

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WHITCOMB RILEY accuses himself of bad grammar and a failure to marry. Take not these things to heart, James. Few are aware of bad grammar, and as to the other affliction we dare say the girl is to blame for it.

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MR. BLAINE being dead, there is but one newspaper in the United States that doesn't praise him. Is it necessary to mention that newspaper's name? Its ability is unquestioned, but its prejudices are remorseless and never change or end.

THE LAST OF OUR MONARCHS.

THE EX-QUEEN of the Sandwich islands is of ebony color, as was the king whom she succeeded, David Kalakaua. The spectacle of her authority over a population somewhat white was curious enough; but that of a monarchy of any kind so near to us, whatever its complexion, was even more off color.

THE PITY OF IT.

THE DIVORCE SUIT has the right of the line in all the daily newspapers, with all the parade of scandal that the term implies. The JUDGE does not blame the daily newspapers for this, because they do not make the news—they just print it; but what a miserable article of human nature is making itself conspicuous!

THE PRIVILEGE OF OBSCURITY.

AN ORDINARY MAN can attend such funerals as he pleases, but certain authorities declare that a president-elect must select only such as they approve. The independence of the private citizen as to his griefs and enjoyments is that good thing which is alluded to in the declaration of independence. When a man gets to be a public servant he has lost exactly the thing our fathers fought and died for.

OUR CANADIAN BROTHERS.

A NEWSPAPER of Toronto says the question of the hour is whether Canada shall be an independent nation or a part of the United States, and it proposes independence. The distinction is perhaps one without a difference. Canada wouldn't be a nation five minutes without an intense desire to conquer this government by becoming a part of it, and within five years she would have every state at her chariot-wheels and occupying all the available space of the majestic vehicle.

SUN-SPOTS.

CHOLLY LIGHTHEAD—"Aw, doctor, deah, what is the best way—aw—to get the fweckles off my face?"
DOCTOR—"Have your father knock the spots out of you."

THE LATE PECK.

PECK, ex-labor commissioner, was one of the great men frequently mentioned as ahead of their time. In other words, Peck was too previous. It was sung of him on his departure, by every man who respects partisan honesty and good faith,

> "With rapture we rejoice
> To see the cuss removed."

There is honor among Democrats, we think; and honor must keep its place on the political escutcheon or all is lost.

SOME WESTERN CIVILIZATION.

A PRIEST of South Dakota has written east for a cargo of Irish girls. On the other hand, the more prominent residents of that state are men and women who want divorces and lawyers who want to turn some dishonest pennies by securing them. Probably the priest knows what he is about, but let us hope that the cargo of Irish girls will not apply for divorce-papers before they get their husbands. The local influence is bad, and there is such a thing as doing to-day what ought to be postponed until the resurrection.

THE PATHFINDERS.

THERE ARE MORE great men to-day than ever before, and we shall hear from them after they are dead. They are too near by to be noticed now. We touch elbows only with our own kind, and are amazed to see them grow away from us. The man most prominent to-day is Grover Cleveland, but he has merely to assist in the continuation of a government which the papa of his country made possible. The pathfinders live most conspicuously, and quite ordinary men can jog easily along after they have blazed the way. Let us frankly confess, however, that the greatest man of all will be the man who gives us safe transit through the silver business.

GO SLOW—GO SLOW!

WHAT PRIVATE SPECULATION is involved in the situation in Hawaii perhaps Claus Spreckels might tell if he were inclined to be communicative, but we should find out all about it before uniting our politics with his interests. Let us, moreover, consider a few figures. The population of the Hawaiian islands is one hundred thousand, half of it composed of natives who are of no good to themselves or anybody else. Of the remainder twenty thousand are Japanese, thirteen thousand Chinese, three thousand white Europeans, and four thousand Americans. Do we want to re-open the Chinese question? Was the revolution a part of a political plan engineered to some extent by our representative in that country, whose paper, the Kennebec *Journal*, last November outlined the events which have just taken place? Let us pause and reflect.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

COLORED USHER (*at Mardi-gras party*)—"Who, sah?"

GUEST (*with correct French accent*)—"Henri Quartre and Norman peasant."

USHER (*announcing*)—"Mr. Henry Carter and a 'normous pheasant."

A FIXTURE.

THE SITTING ONE—"My dear fellah, I think I made a powahful fool of myself down there."

THE STANDING ONE—"Oh, no, old man; the Lord did that for you long ago."

IF JUDGE LAMAR had been given time he would have written an opinion in the case of Death versus himself concluding with the words "Decision reversed"; but he went off quite suddenly.

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NOW WE THINK of it, Smith Weed ought to have been thought of during the late senatorial emergency. That man is so totally forgotten that he frequently forgets to give himself his own food.

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NOBODY LOOKED for the death of Butler, of Brooks, of Hayes, or of Lamar, while Blaine was supposed to be dying.

ON A TERRIBLE DRUNK.

Death is a thief, and his covetousness is a mean cheat and a constant surprise.

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FINANCIERING—Superintendent Byrnes and Inspector Williams, on salaries of about three thousand dollars a year, have become millionaires. The gentlemen of the Panama canal are brilliant, but they are evanescent.

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ALBERT R. POPE of Boston sends out an interesting pamphlet entitled "Errors in School-books." This man wants also, we suspect, to correct various proverbs. For instance, he would have one of them read, "All roads lead to the Pope manufacturing company."

THE FUTURE INDIAN.

XX PALE ALE—"How—coo—wow—wow—naw, naw—wampum—naw, naw."

XXX PALE ALE—"Oh, pap, you make me tired! Give me a dollar. I want to have the feathers on my legs trimmed and my trousers creased."

THE VERY THING.

Tuffy of the Valevard team being shown around his uncle's new residence.

UNCLE (*stopping before suit of armor*) — "There now, my boy. There's a real fifteenth-century suit, certified by the Tower armorer. That ought to interest you."

TUFFY—"By Jove, it does, nunkey! I'd like to borrow it the next time I play quarter-back on our team."

AT THE MUSEUM.

"I'M AFRAID I'll be murdered some day," said the tattooed man sadly.

"Why?" asked the giant.

"Because I'm a marked man," said the tattooed man.

And then the skeleton dude laughed so he got fat and lost his position.

NO HEELS FOR WILLIE.

Slimson—"What's become of those new slippers you got for me?"

Mrs. Slimson—"Willie has them out in the back yard, taking off the heels."

THE KIND HE LIKED.

Mr. Trustiner—"Don't you like to see a woman who is reserved?"

Mr. Scornsecks—"Yes. I like very much to see a woman who is reserved—for some other man."

EXTRACT FROM A POPULAR SONG.

"But I'm not so young as I used to be."

SENTENCES PASSED BY THE JUDGE.

GOD never fails to keep pace with the churches.

Uncertain prophets should confine their predictions to generalities.

If one would inform the Philistines of his weakened armor let him confide the secret to his chosen friend.

If there is anything on earth which a person has not absolute right to it is the privacy of his own griefs and sufferings.

A woman is never so sure in her dealings with men, so generous and unrestrained, as when fortified by the presence of her husband.

KATHRINE GROSJEAN.

THE SONNET.

YE GODS, but I'm sick of the sonnet,
Oh, sick of the sonnet am I!
The time that is wasted upon it,
The struggle and labor—why, why
Will our poets so ceaselessly con it;
So turn it and twist it and sigh
Like a girl with a cobbled-up bonnet
That never looks right to the eye
How oftensoever she don it?
I wish that these magazines, fly,
Which of late have so ruthlessly "gone it"
In this one direction would try
Sitting down, for a change, on the sonnet
And let something else have a shy.

MADELINE S. BRIDGES.

AN ADEPT AT THAT.

Anxious father—"Does Frank display any artistic ability? Can he draw anything?"

Master—"Yes, there is one thing he can draw in artistic style."

Anxious father—"What's that?"

Master—"A cork."

SHE DID.

It was on the woodland road
Amid the light's fantastic change—
"If you can't drive with one hand,
George, let me hold the reins."

SHE HAD SEEN IT OFTEN.

"IN THE bright lexicon of youth there's no such word as fail," observed Featherly, who had for the second time been refused by Miss M. Adisons Quare.

"Lexicons are not just in my line," remarked that young woman, "but you'll find the word very easily in that dictionary on the table."

FACIAL EXPRESSION WHILE ROLLING A CIGARETTE.

Did you—— ——ever watch a dude—— ——rolling—— ——a cigarette?

SUNDAY MORNING AT THE HEIGHTS.

PAT—"Shure, Moike, yer woif is a stroikin'-lookin' leddy!"
MIKE—"Faith, Pat, an' she's more stroikin' than lookin'!"

THE PROPER GARMENT.

TOM—"I've got to make a speech at the club to-night and I don't know whether to wear my Tuxedo or not."

LUCY—"I wouldn't. I would wear a coat with tails to it."

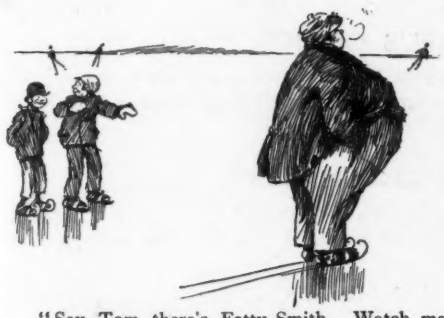
TOM—"I don't see why."

LUCY—"How are they going to pull you back into your seat?

CREDIT AND DEBIT.

STORE-KEEPER—"You have more sand than I gave you credit for."

SMITHKIN—"Didn't you enter the last batch of sugar I purchased of you?"



"Say, Tom, there's Fatty Smith. Watch me knock him off his feet.——

SHE HADN'T HURRIED.

"WHAT do you think your poor dead husband would have said to your engagement to Mr. Rawson, Janette?" asked the widow's mother-in-law.

"I think he'd have been indignant," returned the widow. "But I wasn't engaged to Mr. Rawson until after James died."

A BOY'S WISH.

"I WISH I could be twins!" cried Dick,
While thus his reason stating—
"One-half of me I'd send to school,
Then this half would go skating.'

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

Codling—"I called on Miss Keedick last evening."

Spatts—"I inferred so, for when I met her this morning she complained of having suffered from a severe earache."

BEWARE OF THE DOG!

Some may think it a circus;
As for me, why, I decline.
I look at it quite different;
I think it a pant o' mine.

——One——

——two——

——three"——

FATTY SMITH—"Four!"

HIS SCHEME FELL THROUGH.

VOTING IN TEXAS.

"Now, Asberry, here's ten dollars for your vote——

——with a——

——string tied to it."

After the voting.

HOW HE DID IT.

"DID you really climb Mont Blanc, Mr. Longbow?" asked Miss Parker.

"Yes," lied Longbow.

"How did you ever scale the icy crags?"

"Oh, I had a pair of skates," lied Longbow.

DIFFERENT THEN.

Clara—"He has told me that he loved me."

Maude—"A month ago he told me the same thing."

Clara—"Ah, but that was before he met me."

CONSISTENT IN ALL THINGS.

"YOUR papa's a literary man, isn't he?"

"Yep."

"Does he ever lick you?"

"Only fer lyin'. Pop's a realist."

A ROYAL SEND-OFF.

RYAN—"Hello, Dooley! Where ar' yez goin'?"
DOOLEY—"Haven't yez heard av it?"
RYAN—"Divil a bit did Oi hear av it."
DOOLEY—"Begorra! Oi taut ivery wan 'd heard av it. Well, Mrs. Murphy is goin' t' give poor Murphy a full-driss wake to-noight. It's t' be a viry hoigh-toned affair."

A HORRIBLE END.

Old Nick—"What did you do on earth?"

Spirit—"I sold non-shrinkable underwear. Quick! tell me my fate."

Old Nick—"We'll make you a new stomach out of your non-shrinkable underwear and then we will fill you up with Jersey City soda-water."

BRED IN THE BONE.

She—"That's prejudice. Why wouldn't you marry a shop-girl?"

He—"Oh, she'd always be calling for cash, you know."

THE COLONEL'S OPINION.

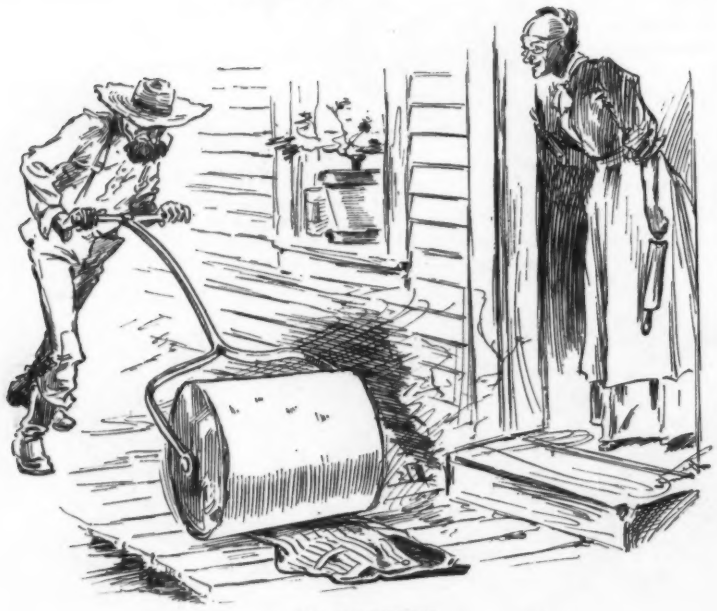
"YOU know, Colonel Bosbyshell, to be sent to the island is a great disgrace."

"Propahly so considahed, majah," returned the Kentuckian, "since an island is a small body of land surrounded by watah."

RHEUMATIC AND ROMANTIC.

Caller—"I am told your daughter is ill, Mrs. Weakpride."

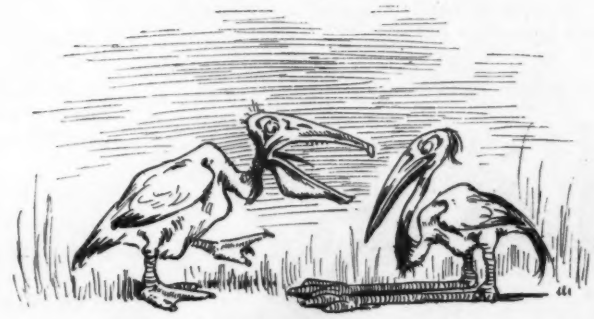
Mrs. Weakpride—"Yes, poor Dahlia had to leave school. She always had weakly nerves, and now the doctor says she has the romatic fever."



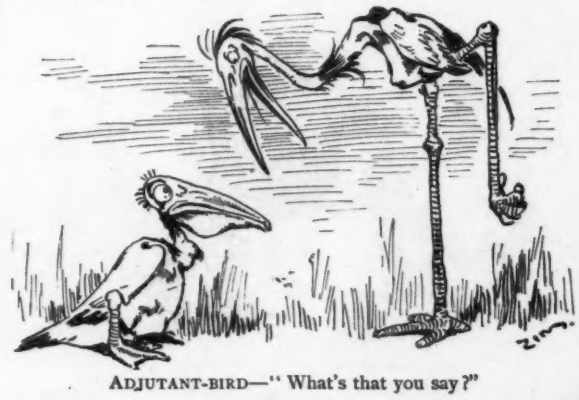
IN FASHION.

MRS. PURDY—"What's you doin', Ike, with the ground-roller?"
IKE—"Oh, I'm pressin' creases in me trousers, like them city fellers."

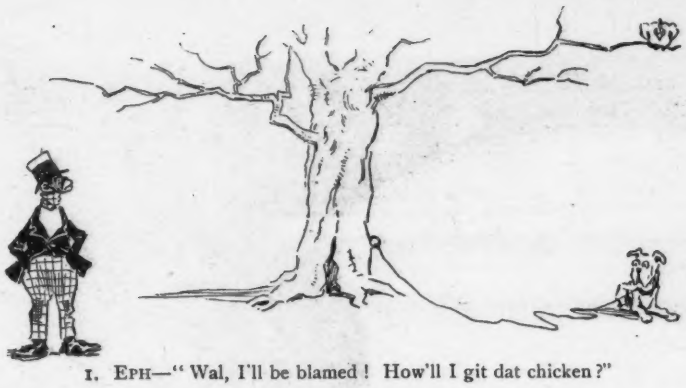
A SUDDEN RISE.



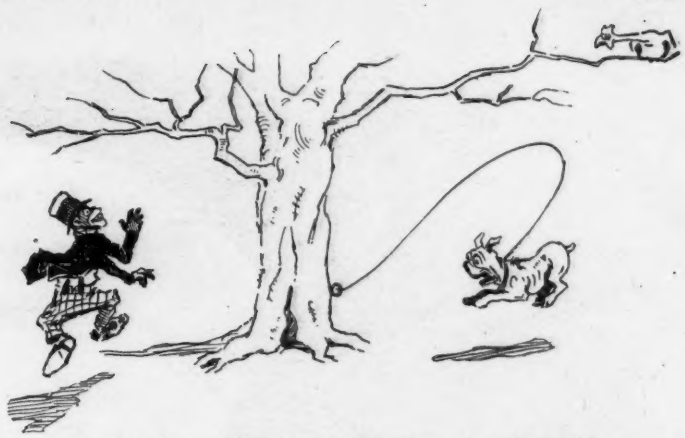
PELICAN—"See here, adjutant, get out of these woods. I'm the early bird around here."



ADJUTANT-BIRD—"What's that you say?"



1. EPH—"Wal, I'll be blamed! How'll I git dat chicken?"



2. EPH (*as an idea strikes him*)—"I'll skip roun' on t'other side——

3. ——an' warm him up——

4. ——like dis!"

5. "Doan' be afeared, Birdie; I'll jes' tek yo' down while de dog cools hisse'f."

6. "Dis nigger 's hard to beat!"

HIS CUP OF JOY WAS FULL.

"THERE is one thing I have been keeping from you, dear," she murmured as she nestled in his arms, "but I think you should know it before we are married. I cannot darn socks."

"Then, my darling," he cried, wrapping his arms twice around her heaving form, "you are indeed mine. This was all I needed to complete my great happiness."

UNSEASONABLE.

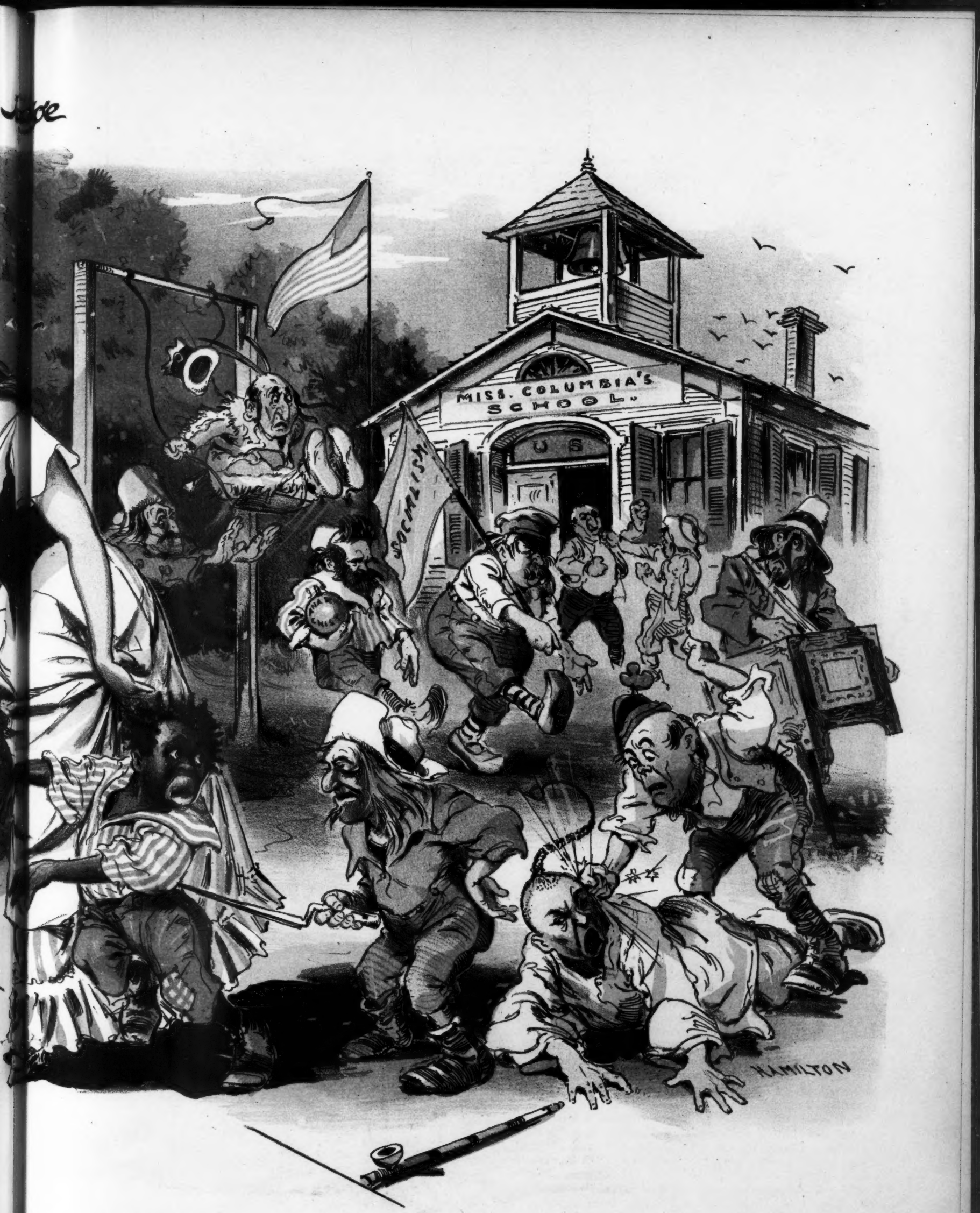
"HERE, my poor man," said Mrs. Skidmore to the tramp, "is a piece of pie for you."

"Thank you, madam," replied Weary Watkins. "I cannot eat it now, however. Would you mind putting it away for me till this evening, when I will call with a dress suit on? I never eat pie except at dinner."

THOSE CARD-BOARDS

"Say, Percy, where did yer git yer new fluted cuffs?
PERCY—"Oh, I was inwited to lunch by an old college chum an' we had charlotte russe."

HAWAII—"PLEASE, MA'AM, MA



A'M, MAY I COME IN?"

Sackett & Wilhelms Litho Co. New York.

CONGRESSIONAL NOTE.

A bill before the house that is explicate to the letter.

A GREAT IMPETUS TO ART.

SINCE Mr. F. D. Millet invented his labor-saving process of painting by squirting on the color through a rubber hose, high art has received a wonderful impetus.

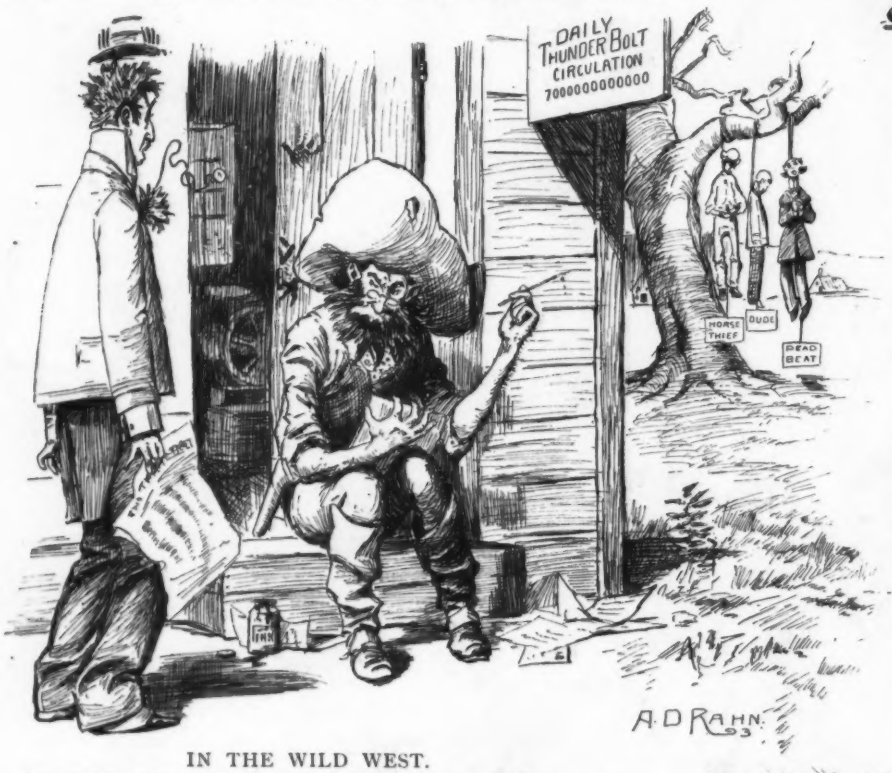
Artist Millet's contrivance, like so many other inventions, was the child of necessity. He had vast areas of wall and ceiling at the Columbian exposition to color, and he despaired of getting the work done by the old method in time for the opening of the fair. Now he lays the tints on by the barrelful.

Mr. Millet's apparatus consists of a hose, fitted at the business end with a nozzle expanded and perforated by numerous small holes. The other end of the hose rests in the paint-barrel. The color is pumped through by an electric motor, which also gathers up and sends along with the paint compressed sections of the atmosphere. The man who engineers the work points the nozzle at the surface to be painted, and the color is deposited in the form of fine spray. The work of decorating the exposition buildings now goes along at a rapid-transit gait, for one man armed with a hose can smear as much paint on a given surface as twenty men could do with brushes.

THE MEANEST MAN ON RECORD.

OUT-OF-TOWN PARTY—"Lemme see a paper, my little son. Ah, here's some interesting news." (*Reads half a column, hands back the paper and walks off.*)

MRS. FARRELLY (*the apple-woman, in a shrill voice*)—"How's everythin' over in Boshton, sor?"



IN THE WILD WEST.

SMYTHLEY—"Do you keep a record of the new arrivals?"

EDITOR OF THE "THUNDERBOLT"—"You bet! Look over yonder and don't be so blamed inquisitive."

Of course a brilliant idea like this could not be confined to mural ornamentation. Producers of high-art paintings were quick to grasp the principle by the nape of the neck and apply it. The efforts of one well-known artist in this line will be alluded to.

Mr. Raphael van Dyke of Weehawken, New Jersey, the noted painter of impressionist works, has already performed wonders with a modified form of Millet's idea. He is now rapidly duplicating his celebrated painting "Sunset," which has received the highest encomiums at many exhibitions, and each copy is more beautiful than the original. Mr. van Dyke's masterpiece consists of a dark-green sea which rolls over the southern half of the canvas, a misty blue sky which covers the upper half, and a fiery red sun sinking into the water. With the aid of a rubber paint-squirt and a set of stencils the artist can now turn out one hundred "Sunsets" a day, and then be through with his work by four each afternoon.

This is the way he works it. All around the walls of his extensive studio are placed canvases each three feet by five. These are set in position by the colored boy who sweeps out, and are ready when the master arrives at nine in the morning. Mr. van Dyke takes up stencil number one, cut to fit the sea. As the colored boy holds it over the canvas the master turns on the hose, and in precisely two minutes the dark-green sea is done. The master and his assistant then pass to the next canvas and repeat the operation, and so on until all bear a dark-green sea. The sky stencil is next taken in hand, and in like manner the misty blue clouds are squirted on with rapidity and precision. After the canvases are all treated to clouds it is usually lunch-time.

On his return from lunch Mr. van Dyke puts in the fiery orb. This is hand-painted, and he does it without assistance from his colored boy. The artist's signature, which occupies several degrees of latitude in the southeast corner of the sea, is also placed on in the old way.

Other examples could be given of the results attainable from Mr. Millet's great idea, but this will suffice. Enough has been said to show the intelligent reader the possibilities of the new process. Into all of our homes will come the great masterpieces of this school of art, for impressionist paintings will now be within the reach of all.

WILLIAM HENRY SIVITER.

A BIG DIFFERENCE.

TEACHER—"Why, it's as plain as the nose on your face."

NUMSKULL—"Whose face, mum?"

PEARY PRESSED THE BUTTON.

The Wonderful Series of Kodak Photos Which He Made Among Greenland's Icy Mountains.

Lieutenant Peary's expedition to the Arctic regions was a remarkable success from more than one standpoint, but the brave explorer fairly outdid himself as a photographer. He not only heeded the advice, "Take a Kodak with you," but went further and took three. Peary started northward with twenty-three rolls of film, and so vigorously did he "press the button" that he secured two thousand first-class negatives. The New York *Sun* in speaking of them says,

"The fact that over two thousand of the negatives have produced photographs of superior excellence speaks highly for the good quality of his instrument. . . . . It is certain that the pictorial results of no previous Arctic expedition compare with those Peary has achieved. . . . . Ethnologists will be particularly pleased with Peary's large series of photographs of nude subjects. They are so clear and definite in all details that in many cases even every marking in the palms of the hands may be distinctly traced."

Lieutenant Peary is very enthusiastic over his success, and is already planning a Kodak outfit for his next trip. In a letter to Mr. W. P. Buchanan of Philadelphia, dated December 16th, he says,

"My large percentage of successes (nearly if not quite ninety per cent.) cannot be ascribed to special ability on my part, as I had never used a Kodak previous to this trip and knew nothing of practical photography. It is a simple statement of fact that my pictures were 'all taken with a Kodak,' and it is but justice to say that I regard the Kodak as responsible for my having obtained a series of pictures of Arctic life and surroundings which in quality and quantity exceed any that have been brought back from Greenland and the Smith sound region."

A precocious, impulsive young Mr.
Was in love with a girl—and he kr.
Said she, "Sir, go slow!
For I'll have you to know
I'm to you nothing more than a sr."
—*Tacoma News.*

Thomas J. Dowling, successor to Charles F. Peck of the bureau of labor statistics, is a blacksmith by trade. Peck's occupation is not that of a blacksmith, but some have intimated that his famous report was a product of the forge.—*Rochester Herald.*

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It tells the cost of getting there and how to go. It tells what to do about baggage, about places to eat and sleep; how to get to the fair grounds, and it gives many other items of useful information.

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